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TAGS: PREL, CH, US, CA
SUBJECT: SCOWCROFT-EAGLEBURGER MISSION TO CHINA:
BRIEFING CANADIAN OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 400823 ✓

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. POLOFF BRIEFED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS NORTH ASIA RELATIONS
ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR ANDREW HALPER ON
SCOWCROFT-EAGLEBURGER MISSION USING REFTEL TALKING
POINTS DECEMBER 18. HALPER TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO
COMPLAIN OFFICIALLY BUT MILDLY ABOUT THE USG'S DECISION
NOT TO ALERT ALLIES BEFOREHAND ABOUT THE TRIP. HE NOTED
THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON BURNETT HAD
ALREADY EXPRESSED SIMILAR DISPLEASURE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. HALPER DENIED, HOWEVER, A RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
DESCRIBING THE GOC AS "SHOCKED BY THE MISSION AND
SEEMED PERSONALLY UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR SECRECY
IN THIS CASE. QUERIED ABOUT POSSIBLE GOC MOVES TOWARDS
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THE PRC, HALPER SAID HE EXPECTED RELATIONS TO IMPROVE

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